

September 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes Community of Christ Church Council

Time: 6:30pm – 8:45pm

Attendees: Steve Delamater, Suze Engbretson, Pastor David Eppelsheimer, Jane Jackson, Rachael Jans, Mark Henderson, Violet Thetford, and Larry Wade

Excused: Cindy Kinnie & Tracy Litterer

Call to Order

Suze Engbretson, Council President, formally called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer & biblical work

Pastor David Eppelsheimer led us in an opening prayer and biblical work with the Gospel of Mark 8:34-37. Ways of being and behaving in the world so we can rise to something new.

The voice we can scarcely hear

You are the voice we can scarcely hear
because you speak to us about dying and suffering,
and we are impacted by so many voices
that have to do with power
and competence
and success.

We do know that you are the voice that gives life,
that you are the voice that opens futures to people who are hopeless.

We are part of a hopeless people,
because the other voices eat at our hearts,
and we are immobilized
and we become deaf.
So we pray for new ears.

We pray that your voice may be more audible to us,
that we may be able to sort out the death-giving
from the life-giving voices among us.

We pray in the name of Jesus,
through whom you have spoken

in such inscrutable ways.

Amen.

- *Walter Brueggemann*

Approval of Minutes

August 4, 2021, meeting minutes were approved with changes.

Administrator's Report

Rachael Jans provided updates prior to the meeting. Rachael asked for feedback on possible changes to Faith News to make it more engaging. Rachael will start featuring profiles of members, beginning with the church council.

Pastor's Report

Pastor David Eppelsheimer gave a verbal report at the meeting. Pastor discussed how community connections with the Westside Queer Resource Center (WQRC) and our church community are linked. Gratitude was expressed for all the guest preachers throughout the summer.

Financial Controls Discussion

Prior to the meeting, Rich Radford, Treasurer, researched Blanket Bond coverage for our financial assets. Council discussed how much we want to insure.

Mark Henderson made the motion:

Investigate covering our balance with commercial insurance coverage.

Violet Thetford seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Suze will follow up with Rich Radford requesting a quote for insuring the balance.

Pastor's Health Insurance

Council discussed pastor's employee annual healthcare insurance plan renewal. Selection of employee healthcare insurance plan renewal for annual enrollment purposes.

Mark Henderson made the motion:

Community of ChristChurch council moves to renew the offering of employee healthcare benefits via Portico Benefits Services at the Silver+ C coverage level for the 2022 calendar year.

Steve Delamater seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Committees:

1. Worship Transition Team

- Saturday morning coffee meetups now include masks.
- A sub-group has not had a chance to visit hybrid worship options yet.

- Pastor David has been talking with Rev. Terry Moe on his hybrid worship explorations.
 - Hillsboro United Methodist recently installed an advanced UV light air filter in their building. Discussion on how to look at different air filter systems: HEPA vs. UV system, etc. Jane Jackson & Beth Habecker will research and investigate clean room technology.
 - Does this team work on where we land when we can meet in person? Charter was reviewed. Further discussion is required.
2. Mission and Vision Team
- Suze circulated the current draft. Council accepted the draft with gratitude, inquired about adding the whole welcome statement to a piece of it.
 - Suze will have a breakout room after church on September 12th inviting people to review the current draft. Meeting announcement will run in Faith News on September 9, 2021.
3. Other committees and topics:
- RIC: The next step once you have the designation is education. This includes reading and deeper understanding. Another component will be reaching out to LGBTQ+ communities directly and share stories.
 - Youth dialogue: Engage with parents and youth.

Upcoming Council Events:

- Share out on Sunday 9/5/21: Suze Engbretson
- Council meeting: Wednesday 9/15/2021 @ 6:30pm

Adjournment

Suze Engbretson, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Violet Thetford, Council Secretary:
Community of ChristChurch